

Spanish Fork Distribution System  
Annual Meeting  
January 29, 2008

## **SPANISH FORK RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 29, 2008**

The annual meeting of the Spanish Fork River Distribution System was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Randy Butler read the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made to thank Kevin Creer for his time and his service. The minutes were accepted as read.

The Chairman asked Commissioner John Mendenhall to give a report on his activities during 2007. He indicated that the 2007 water year was one of the worst in project history. The year began with low snow pack. A warm dry spring led what water was in the high country to runoff early. The Commissioner called for stored water on 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Stored water is not normally needed until the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Central Utah Project made 12,000 AF available for lease and nearly all that water was delivered. With all that water crops irrigated on the system did very well with the exception of pasture. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September the system stopped taking stored water deliveries and most irrigation companies ceased irrigation.

Mr. Mendenhall stated that the Snotel stations are the best source of information for predicting water stored in snow pack and he cautioned the users against inferring how much irrigation water might be available from ski resort reports or precipitation at the Salt Lake airport. Snotel data indicates that the area is over 100% of normal snow pack as of December and that users may expect a much improved water year for 2008.

John Mendenhall distributed his annual reports. Following the report, Carl Carpenter made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Lynn Jones. The vote was unanimous.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Sim discussed the water right enforcement program. Until this year, the identity of an individual who had submitted an enforcement referral to the division did not have a guarantee of confidentiality. Based upon experience with pursuing enforcement actions and on a review of the GRAMA act, the identity of an informant can be treated as a protected record and be kept confidential.

Mr. Sim explained that a bill is currently proposed to the legislature to increase funding for adjudication work. Should the measure pass, needed adjudication work in the Hobbie Creek area could be initiated. A group discussion ensued regarding prioritization of areas for adjudication. Mr. Sim indicated that he expected the Birdseye adjudication to be completed regardless of the additional funding proposal.

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The 2007 Financial Statement for Indianola was read by John Mendenhall. On January 1, 2007, there was \$6374.00 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2007 included \$7000.00 in regular assessments. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2007 were \$ 14,208.00. There are two delinquent accounts in 2007. The commissioner will follow up with each of these.

Mr. Sim explained that the Indianola users were inadvertently charged two years' assessments in 2007. The State Engineer will not assess these users at all in 2008. In 2009 the total assessment for the area will return to the \$3500.00 range.

The 2007 Financial Statement for Spanish Fork was read by John Mendenhall. On January 1, 2007, there was \$29,900.00 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2007 included \$109,000.00 in regular assessments. Expenditures for the year totaled \$13,124.00. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2007 were \$34,000.00. There are two delinquent accounts in 2007. The commissioner will follow up with each of these.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2008. Mr. ? recommended increasing the commissioner's salary to \$50,000 salary plus benefits. and an increase in the travel reimbursement to \$13,750.00. Proposed that Lloyd Jackson's salary remain the same as previous year. Lloyd's travel proposed to increase to \$10,000. Further discussion by the group resulted in a proposed budget totaling \$122,236.00. A motion was made to accept the budget. Carl Carpenter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. A made a motion to set the assessment at \$120,000.00. A second was made by Dan Williams. The motion passed.

Users need to be appointed to fill committee slots. A discussion ensued about including Springville Irrigation Company on the committee. The Springville / Mapleton lateral holds a right to Spanish Fork river. The Springville Irrigation Co. has an interest in that lateral, however, they do not directly hold a right to any river water. A motion was made to split Mapleton / Springville and allow Springville to have their own voting representative. Wilbur Stephenson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The proposed committee is composed of the following:

<b>Represented Area</b>	<b>Representative</b>
East Bench Canal Co.	Fred Vincent
Salem	Bartell Mortensen
Spanish Fork South	Neil Anderson
Lakeshore	Dale Carnaby
Spanish Fork West Field	Brent Money
Spanish Fork City	Richard Heap
Spanish Fork South East	Wilbur Stephenson
Strawberry Water Users	Dan Williams

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Mapleton	Mike Miner
Springville	Carl Carpenter
Highline Canal Co	Dan Ellsworth
CUP	Jackson Crofts
Indianola	Bob Cowley
Canyon / Clinton	Randy Butler

A Chairman to replace Kevin Creer is needed. Dale Carnaby was nominated as River Committee Chairperson. Mike Miner seconded. The vote was unanimous. Wilbur Stephenson nominated as Vice-Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

A vote of appreciation was sustained for the efforts of the committee and the commissioners. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.